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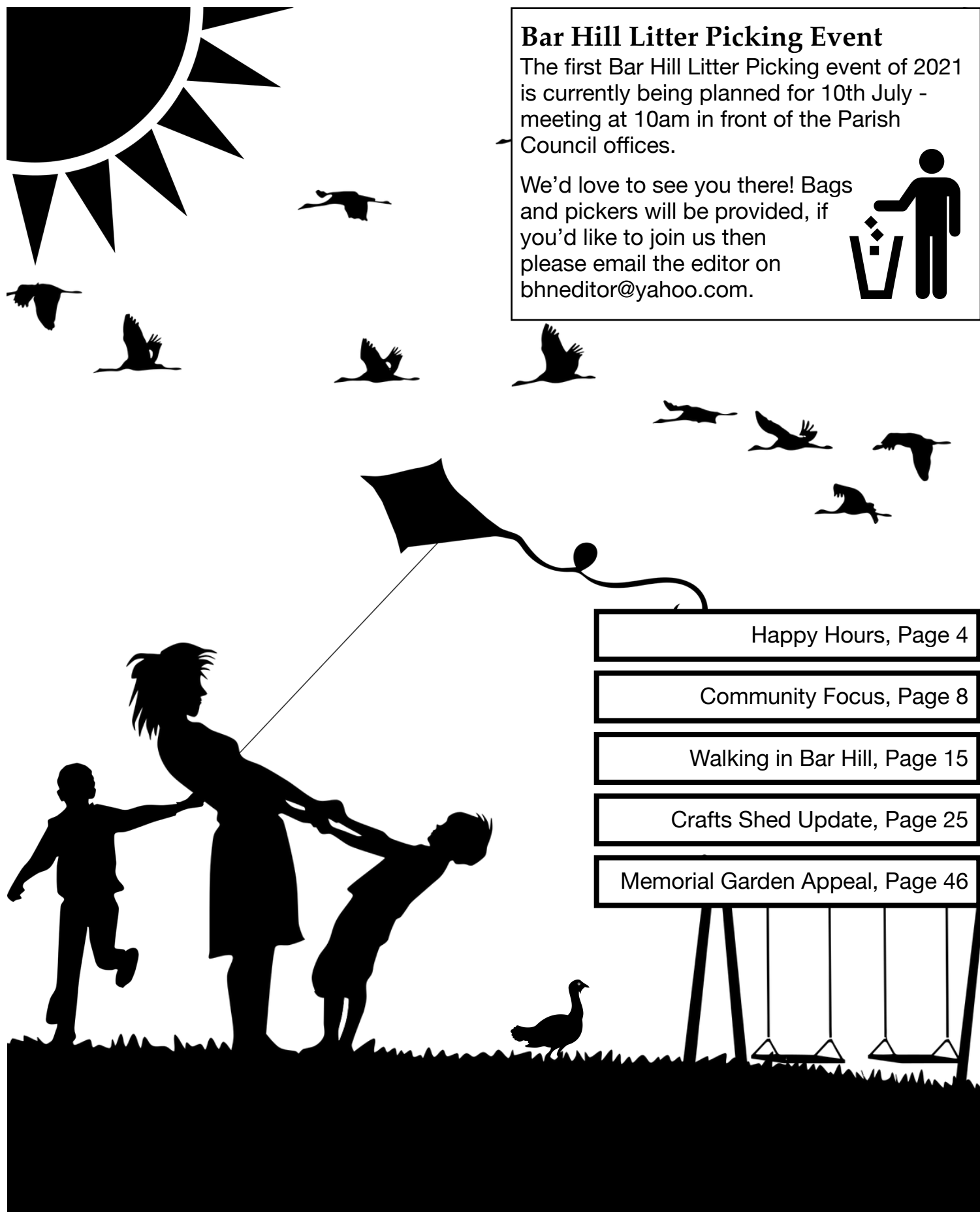
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## Bar Hill Litter Picking Event

The first Bar Hill Litter Picking event of 2021 is currently being planned for 10th July - meeting at 10am in front of the Parish Council offices.

We'd love to see you there! Bags and pickers will be provided, if you'd like to join us then please email the editor on [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com).



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## BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Each month we will be introducing you to a different member of our Residents' Association, so you can learn more about the people who are working on your behalf in the village.



This month, we are featuring one of our committee members for the Residents' Association;

**Name:** Roger Hall

**Position on committee:** Member now, however I was Chairman 2002-2020.

**What made you join the RA?**

Automatically a member when we moved into the village in 1969

**How long have you lived in Bar Hill, and what is your favourite thing about living here?**

I have lived here for 52 years, and my favourite thing is being a part of a community created by the residents themselves. Living in a 'traditional' village with age-old village characteristics yet with modern facilities.

**If you could change one thing about the village, what would it be and why?**

To stop residents, estate agents and outsiders referring to it as an estate, the Tesco village, and the Village green as the 'rec'. These are derogatory descriptions which I detest.

**What are your hobbies?**

Many and varied. Foremost is writing and reading and research when the bug takes me. Also, entertaining friends locally and from all parts of the world and learning about their lives and families. After all, (to misquote Shakespeare) all the world's a stage and we, its people merely players.

**What is your favourite way to spend a day off?**

Every day is a day off. Being with Jo in a peaceful spot in the countryside or by the sea where we can be as one with God and nature. Spent with or in contact with family members.

Pottering about in my library of over 3,000 books. Visiting country houses to further my knowledge of history learn about the lives of the people - rich and poor - who have lived there, Visiting old and famous libraries. An afternoon in the hot sun watching cricket - the greatest game in the world.

**If you won the lottery, what would you do?**

Not move from Bar Hill. But to start increasing the frequency of what I do on my days off.

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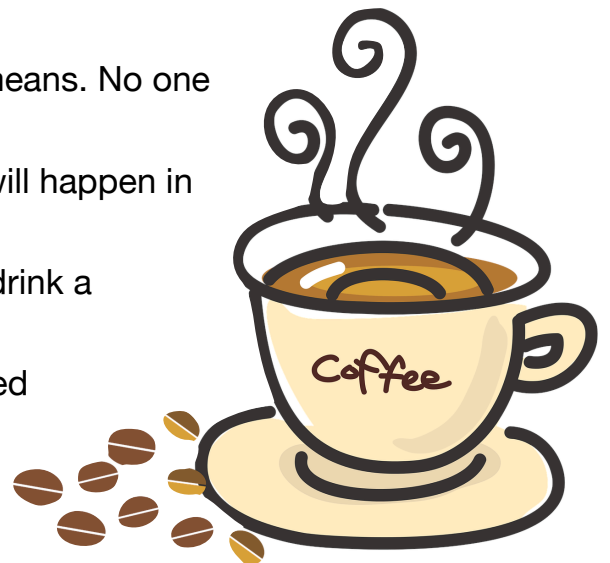
**We are looking for new members to join us so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and give us a try!**

In the meantime STAY SAFE!

Few jokes (hope no one is offended)

- How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.
- Quarantine has really put a damper on comedy. For months nobody has walked into a bar.
- What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis.
- Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means. No one will be crossing the finish line.
- If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.
- You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona.
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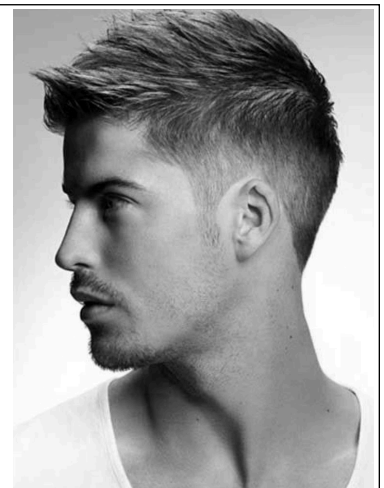
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## NOTICES & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1/2

Please send your letters & notices to [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com). Thank you!



Dear Residents,

Thefts of catalytic converters continue to be an issue across the county. While we're increasing patrols on the road networks to catch those responsible, we ask you to look out for any suspicious activity and report it to us via our webchat or call 101.

Remember if a crime is in progress, call 999.

Tara Dundon

Police. Comms officer

Dear Editor

I wondered if I might make a couple of comments on the Bar Hill News.

First, it is well known in printing circles that a "serif" font is far gentler for the eyes than a "sans-serif" font. Almost all books are printed in a "serif" font - this is for a reason...

Secondly, as you seem to need to space out paragraphs nowadays, would it be possible to increase the size of the font instead?

It has long been a fact that the population of Bar Hill is older than average; a larger font would be most welcome!

I do hope you will not be upset by these comments.

Thanks

Jan Cundy

**Editors response:** Interesting discussion! The font we currently use is Helvetica Neue (regular) at 13pt. We master in A4 and then print to A5 (as you know!).

The idea behind the the spacing is to break up large blocks of text and make it slightly easier on the eye. I'd be interested to know what other people think!

Dear Residents,

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# EDITORIAL

**June 2021**

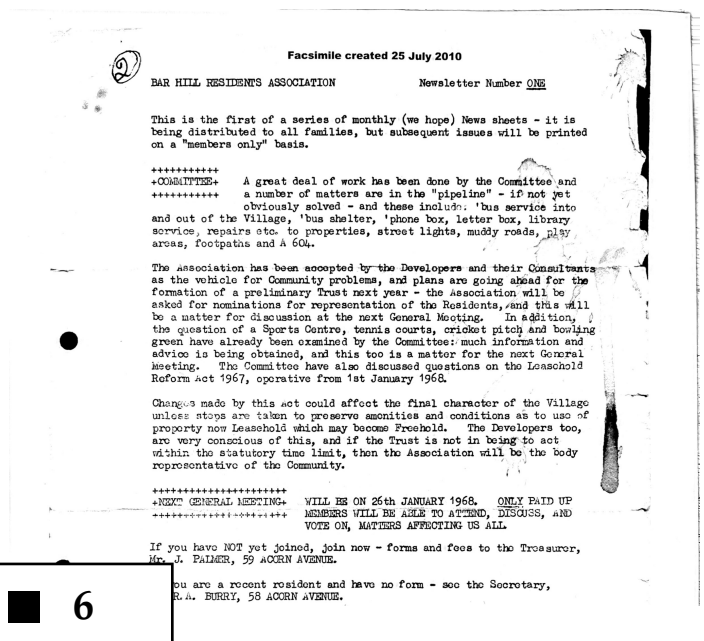
A bumper edition this month! Lots of clubs are re-opening now some of the more stringent COVID restrictions are coming to an end. I have attempted to include as many messages as I can; if your club is re-opening please let me know so I can include the details in the July issue.

The Parish Councils consultation (looking for projects to spend £18,000 on from the A14 upgrade project) is clearly the biggest news of the month and I'd like to encourage everyone in the village to respond (see the back page).

The meeting to discuss creating a new charity in the village will have taken place regrettably just after this goes to print - hopefully there will be news next month!

Our litter picking day is scheduled for July 10th, it had to be moved back as there wasn't enough time to get everything ready. See you then!

The archive of our oldest issues has been updated. If you'd like to see what the very first issue of the Bar Hill News (from way back in December 1967). You can check this out yourself here; <https://archive.org/details/bar-hill-news-196712-dec-1967-issue-1>



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Dear Residents,

I agree with Karen Hayden that littering is a problem. I keep an old carrier bag in my pocket to gather rubbish as I walk around the area. Some items are a danger, we often find glass bottles shattered & have to take great care to avoid cutting ourselves when prizing bits out of the ground. Lumps of rubble have appeared by the green, These are ideal for vandals who wish to smash nearby windows eg in the Scouts Hut & Village Hall as has happened in the past. These latter can be quite heavy & not readily disposed of in the bins. There are of course laws against littering but no police available to enforce them.

Keith Morris

**Editors response:** The first Litter Picking day organised by the Residents Association is scheduled for the 10th July meeting at 10am outside the Parish Council office!

The Parish Council, in this issue, has also commented regarding the fly-tipping .

Dear all,

First of all I'd like to start with the bad news; Bar Hill, a Social History, 1949-2004 (my book on the history of our village) is now out of print.

And now the good news!

A revised and updated edition taking us up to to 2021 is now at an advanced stage of preparation the text having been completed apart from a few minor additions.

Additional photographs of the village over the last 50 years will be welcomed!

Publication is expected early next year.

Roger Hall, [roger.hall90@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.hall90@ntlworld.com)

Dear Residents,

I'd like to write to encourage all residents of the village to contribute to the current Parish Council consultation looking for options to spend the windfall from the A14 project.

The £18k that's been provided could make a significant contribution to providing facilities for children and young people within the village - there does seem to be very little for teenagers to do and this would seem to be an excellent opportunity for the Parish Council to add something!

For this amount of money I would have thought that a smaller version of the excellent Abby Dirt Trails on Coldhams Common (next to Abbey Swimming Pool in Cambridge) would be of great benefit to the village.

Alternatively, as teenagers seem to hang out around the sheltered area by the post office, perhaps a covered area like that but in a better location would be of use?

Responses, including your name and address, can be emailed to the Parish Council at [office@barhillpc.org.uk](mailto:office@barhillpc.org.uk).

Please take this opportunity to have your say and support our children within the village!

Laura Chapman, Foxhollow

**Editors response:** More details on the consultation is available on the back cover!



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## BAR HILL COMMUNITY FOCUS 1/2

In this month's community focus, Lottie spent some time with Ashley Curry - owner of "Ashley's Barber Shop" in The Spinney. Having lived in the village for close to 30 years, I think it would be fair to say that he is an established pillar of this community. Read on to find out more about his career, and his life outside of work.

**Lottie: When did you start being a barber?**

**Ashley:** I did my apprenticeship at 15; I left school a year early to start training (which was agreed by both parties that that was the right thing to do). I was really fortunate that although I wanted to do barbering, the barbers I trained in did men's and women's haircuts and my boss at the time insisted I trained in both (which is really unusual in the hairdressing world) but it's another feather I have in my cap! I ended up staying in my first job for 10 years. After that time, I ended up taking a leap of faith and took over a little barbers shop in Trumpington - it was owned by the same guy for 20 years, and when he retired in 1994 I took over. I was there for 11 years but the problem I had was travelling up and down the A14 to Cambridge every day and the rent on the shop had become stupid, so my wife then actually said "Well why can't you convert the garage?". So we went to the Parish Council and asked for permission to convert the garage into a Barber shop (late 2004) which they granted and I have been in business here for 16 years now. I've seen people grow up and I feel very fortunate for that.



**L: And what do you do in your spare time?**

**A:** I'm the chairman of the village cricket club; I took that over 6 years ago when it was on the brink of collapsing. I was on a 5 year mission to have 2 adult teams, 2 level 2 qualified coaches as well as the youth teams, which are now back operating despite the effects of Covid.

I am also heavily involved with parliament and focusing on paternal mental health (which is fathers' mental health during the perinatal stages), I do a lot of research work, and it had been discovered that 1 in 10 fathers suffer from post-natal depression, as well as perinatal OCD. We've been able to write some Nice guidelines for fathers as there are a lot of Nice guidelines for mothers, but not a lot out there for dads. It's been good to help change that and work with the NHS to provide some support.

I am also on the scientific advisory board for Tourette action - so reviewing any work which is research funded on people who have Tourettes and deciding if it gets approved.

I am also involved in doing a lot of talks for the NHS and SND sixth form colleges across the UK, particularly focusing on people with Tourettes and what the best practises within schools are and ensuring that the children become included, so I am a busy boy!

On my days off I go and visit the elderly in Hanover Close in the village to cut their hair.

**L: Do you sleep!?**

**A:** No! I feel I've got to the stage in life where my children have grown up so Karen (my wife) decided that it was now my time to enjoy my life. I have been trying to cut the work down to 4 days per week so I have more time, although Covid did take that decision away from me a bit. One of the good things which did come out of Covid was the introduction of the appointment

Is there a organisation here in Bar Hill that you'd like to see featured for next month? If so please contact the editor via email [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com) or on **07814 871752**.

system. Traditionally, men would always sit and wait to have their hair cut, so if you went on holiday for 2 weeks you knew when you came back you would have at least 6 people waiting outside your door. When I looked back and calculated it, throughout the year I probably used to sit in here for about 2.5 weeks a year waiting for people – so now that people have to book in it makes my life much easier to manage.

### **L: How did Covid affect you?**

**A:** When the first lockdown happened in March 2020, the day I closed, I actually cried because this is my life and love – I absolutely love my job. But we were lucky during the first lockdown, the weather was good so we were able to be outside keeping busy. The last lockdown was a lot tougher for me; thankfully I was looked after through the wonderful government schemes financially, it was the not-working part for me which was tough. I was diagnosed with Tourettes when I was 35, everyone probably knew through my whole life anyway, but what you find with someone with Tourettes is if they are doing things with their left and right hands with coordination, their ticks are a lot less prevalent (unless they are busy and there is stress involved), so when you are working you are less likely to tick.

But the Covid lockdown did teach me that I can do things differently in life. I don't need to do this and be a plate spinner any more, I can actually make time for myself – you can't always do everything!

I also took the time to train with a company called The Lion Barbers, who have introduced a training scheme for barbers. Basically we are trained barbers who are there to listen and not judge, so if someone does come in and we notice that they are drinking more or perhaps do need some help, we have a chat with them and divert them to the right people and places to go to

get help and support. Barbers are unpaid psychologists at the end of the day! In relation to that, I've always bonded quite quickly with autistic children and so they let me cut their hair. You see kids come in who are quite petrified at the beginning, but two or three hair cuts in and it has become a very normal process for them which is wonderful. The parental response is brilliant.

### **L: What would you like to see change in the village, or improve?**

**A:** I think I would like to see some more small businesses – especially now that Next has gone – more food stalls/vans like other villages have.

### **L: And finally what does the future hold for Ashley's Barber Shop?**

**A:** I'm not going anywhere! I can see myself retiring, but I won't retire from barbering – I will continue to do this until I am physically not able to. But as soon as you get older you can pick and choose your times when you work which I will do so I have time to relax. But I've kept myself fit and healthy so I can keep going as long as possible (I have run the London Marathon 3 times, but I hurt my knee so I now cycle).

I was actually also involved in the village football club years ago, and it was nice because I've seen the boys I coached now grow up – they are in their 30s and have their own little ones running around, it's just nice to see it's still going.

### **L: Do you think you'll carry on doing all the charity stuff as well?**

**A:** Absolutely, all the charity and research.

### **L: and what are your hobbies?**

**A:** Cycling, cricket, swimming, keeping fit, cooking is one of my major hobbies I love it!

### **L: You really don't sleep do you?!**

**A:** No... But I do enjoy drinking cider!



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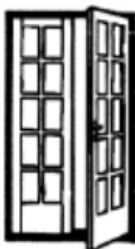
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Annual membership runs from 1 April and all members are reminded that you do need to renew your membership to obtain access to the Courts.

We invite all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of all abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30 to 9pm.

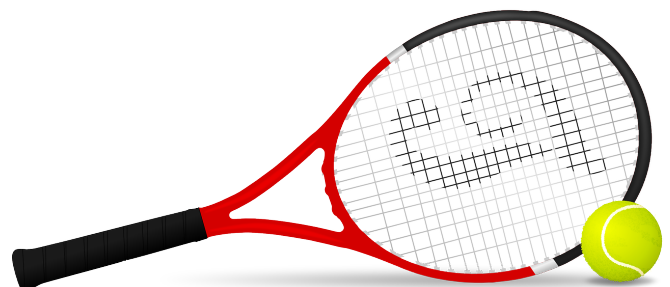
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We look forward to seeing you!

CONTACTS: Paul Chubbuck (Secretary): 07983 435104, and Geof Tamulonis (Chair) [info@barhilltennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@barhilltennisclub.co.uk)

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The library is open Tuesday and Thursday  
afternoons (when the Post Office is closed).

The intention is to post updates, where  
times change, to the Bar Hill Community  
Facebook group (via the Residents  
Association).

## Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

The Social Club is currently closed in  
accordance with government guidelines but  
we look forward to welcoming our members  
back as soon as we are allowed to open.

(May 2021 Update): The Social Club remains  
closed but we look forward to welcoming  
our members back on May 17th (if  
government guidelines continue to allow).

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Liz Robin, director of public health for  
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# Bar Hill Church news

## Services

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Services will continue to be accessible over Zoom, so people have the choice of attending either in person or online. Due to social distancing requirements the number of people that may attend in person will be limited, so it will be necessary to book a place in advance.



Sunday 6 June, 10:00 am - Holy Communion (Anglican)

Wednesday 9 June, 10:00 am - Midweek Holy Communion (in-person only)

Sunday 13 June, 10:00 am - All Together Worship

Sunday 20 June, 10:00 am - Holy Communion (Reformed)

Sunday 27 June, 10:00 am - Service of the Word

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88297613899>

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To book a place to attend in person please contact our office manager on 07395 939282.

## Church Contacts

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church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Minister   Rev Charles Mather   01954 277119  
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- Home care services
- Care homes
- Using the NHS 111 First service

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We're starting with the Millennium Path between Bar Hill and Lolworth.

The route starts (at the Bar Hill end) opposite the bus stop between Oatlands Avenue and Viking Way.

The route then passes through the fields and into the village of Lolworth and if you carry on round to the right you'll find All Saints Church.

The Church is a Grade II Listed Building. There has been a Church in the village since the 13th century but the present church dates from the early 1400's.

The walking route is relatively easy going and back and forth to the Church will probably take about 30-40 minutes. Some of the route is through a field and so is very susceptible to "British weather" during summer!

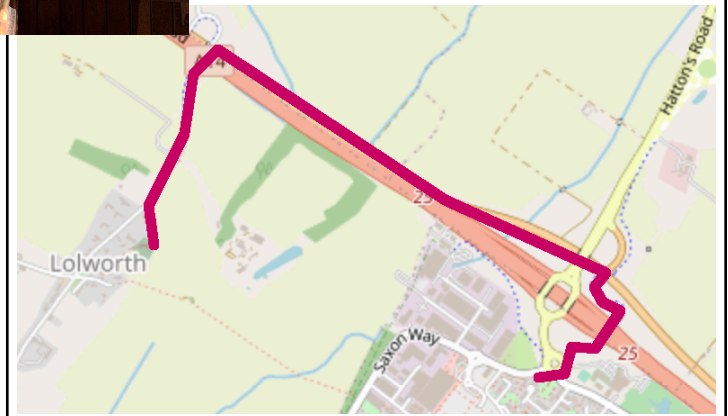
# SUMMER IN BAR HILL



If you'd like to carry on walking (in a large circle) then if you carry on along on Robin's Lane you'll pass over the A14 and then can walk back along the local road to the Bar Hill traffic lights and then across the bridge and back into the village.

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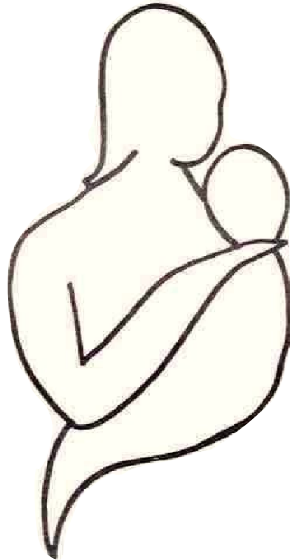
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Results are often provided within an hour.

Tests are being offered at various sites, the nearest sites to Bar Hill are:

- **The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, South Cambridgeshire, CB23 6GW**
- **The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catherine's Road, Arbury, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ**

The full list of sites is available online. Each site is open from 8am to 7pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

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The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been hard for us all and we have all experienced the effects differently, including those of us who have been shielding. Even positive change can lead to anxiety, and it can take time to readjust to things we have not done for a while. Feelings of post-lockdown anxiety are likely to pass with time as we get used to the "new normal" but it's important to do what we can to take care of our mental health.

There are lots of things that can help you to manage these feelings and make it easier to adjust. The NHS website provides the following top tips for taking care of your mental health as things change.

1. Go at your own pace
2. Do not avoid things entirely
3. Get your information from the right sources
4. Discuss any changes with others
5. Make time to relax
6. Challenge unhelpful thoughts
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Covid Vaccination programme

Over the last five months we have vaccinated thousands of patients and are so grateful to all of our staff and local volunteers whose hard work, support and dedication has enabled us to help deliver the vaccine to our patients who are most at risk of Covid-19.

The vaccine programme has now entered Phase 2 which will focus on cohorts 10 -12 (ages 18 – 49). Whilst we continue to provide second doses to our patients who received their first dose through the practice, we have taken the decision to opt out of offering vaccination services for Phase 2 cohorts to enable us to focus on our day-to-day GP services.

Patients in cohorts 10 – 12 (ages 18-49) will be invited for their vaccine via a text or letter from the National Booking Service and will be able to book an appointment online via [nhs.uk/covidvaccination](https://nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or by calling 119 at one of the local Vaccination Centres, which includes Chesterton Bowls Club, Grafton Centre and Superdrug on Sidney Street, as well as centres in Huntingdon and Newmarket.

Any patient in cohort 1-9 who has not yet received their vaccine can still book online via [nhs.uk/covidvaccination](https://nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or by calling 119.

Whether you have had the vaccine or not, please continue to follow all the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives.

Further information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme, including frequently asked questions and patient information leaflets here <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>.

Farewell Dr Harding

At the end of May the practice said goodbye to Dr Harding, as he retired from General Practice. Dr Harding has been a very valued member of the team for the past 2 years, and we wish him well in his retirement.

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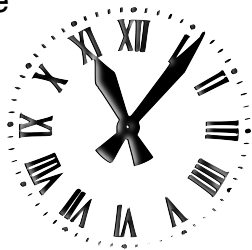
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## Ordering Prescriptions

The surgery would like to ensure that all patients receive their prescriptions on time, therefore please allow plenty of time when putting in your request. We recommend doing so 7 to 10 days before your medication is due.

## COVID Vaccination Programme

The vaccine programme is now entering Phase 2 which will focus on cohorts 10 -12 (ages 18 – 49). Patients in these cohorts will be invited for their vaccine via a text or letter from the National Booking Service and will be able to book an appointment online via [nhs.uk/covidvaccination](https://nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or by calling 119 at one of the local Vaccination Centres.



This second phase will now enable the surgery to focus on day-to-day GP services and working towards improving access to patients as we come out of lockdown.

## NHS Health Checks

Our nursing team are currently providing NHS Health Checks to patients. The NHS Health Check is a health check-up for adults in England aged 40 to 74 who have not had a stroke, or do not already have a pre-

existing health condition. It's designed to spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing one of these conditions. An NHS Health Check helps find ways to lower this risk. The surgery are contacting those patients who meet the criteria and are due for their check but if you have not received a call and wish to check if you are eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery and enquire.

## Improvements and Suggestions

For those patients who have appointments at the surgery they are currently sent a text message with a link to complete a patient feedback survey on line. These responses are invaluable and helps the team address any issues that are raised with a view to improving services. For those patients that have not had an appointment recently and wish to provide us with feedback then please call the surgery or send an email to [maplesurgery.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:maplesurgery.enquiries@nhs.net).

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## Crafts Shed

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A shed is a place for men / women with like minded interests to chat, practise skills and enjoy making

& mending. Often you will find us woodworking, repairing and restoring items in our "shed". Our Crafts Shed has already made and sold bird boxes, tables and hegehog houses raising funds for the group.



Covid 19 hit just at the same time as we got started last year. Like everyone else, we stopped meeting face-to-face and learnt how to meet online. Now the restrictions are being eased, we are meeting once again in groups of 6 people each day in the Scout Hut and outside, this also includes selling items to people passing by.

We meet three times a week (Tue, Wed & Thurs) from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Scout Hut near the village hall. We would like to welcome and meet new members to our shed. Just come along, have a drink & biscuit and see what it's all about.

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While the tree was being taken down one of our local residents said;

"I've lived here for 35 years and we have never had a Christmas Tree, its been lovely and just what we all needed!"

With this in mind we (the Bar Hill Residents Association) are currently fund raising for the 2021 Christmas celebration. At the moment the amount raised stands at over **£750** half-way towards the £1,500 target!

If you'd like to contribute we have a goFundMe page; [bit.ly/BHRAChris2021](https://bit.ly/BHRAChris2021) (or scan the QR code below). If you'd like to donate but don't want to donate online cheques payable to "Bar Hill Residents Association" can either be left at the Parish Council Offices or dropped at Number 18 Foxhollow.



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The Parish Council was sorry to receive Darren Scholes' resignation as a Councillor last month and would like to say a big thank you to Darren for his valued contribution to the community. The Council would also like to thank Lynda Harford for all her hard work as a County Councillor representing Bar Hill. We welcome and send congratulations to Edna Murphy on her recent election as County Councillor for Bar Hill. The Council look forward to working with Edna in the future.

As of 7 May 2021, the Parish Council must return to in person meetings. This is a difficult time as we try to balance our legal requirements to hold meetings and navigate the current government guidelines on Covid restrictions. At the time of writing, to enable the Council members to be socially distanced and members of the public to attend, we are planning to hold our next two meetings at the Octagon on **Friday 18 June** and **Friday 16 July** at 7pm. If you would like to attend either meeting, please get in touch by email or phone by noon on the preceding Thursday to help us try to manage the numbers present on the day. Details of any changes in response to government guidelines will be notified here and on the Parish Council noticeboards and website.

**Parish Councillor vacancies:** Do you want to make a difference to the quality of life for the people in your village? If so, it is time to think about becoming a parish councillor. Being an effective councillor requires commitment, clear thinking and hard work.

The Vicar of Dibley and recent negative YouTube publicity is not the reality of how Parish Councils carry out business. The Council is a separate legal, corporate entity and is the link between residents and other tiers of local government. As well as actively pursuing local issues, the Council also provides local services such as the Village

Green, the play areas and the maintenance of our green spaces to name a few.

Bar Hill has 13 Parish Councillor seats and we currently have four vacancies. Councillors are elected on a four-year term. The next election is in May 2022 so taking a seat now would be a useful way of seeing if you like the idea of being a local councillor before the next election.

If you would like to contribute to the decisions the Parish Council makes on the behalf of your community and have useful skills to bring to the table, please contact the Clerk for an information pack.

**Fly tipping:** The Parish Council have recently had to pay to have several mounds of garden soil and waste removed from behind properties where residents have simply dumped tree roots and soil that they did not want in their own gardens. This waste has had the knock-on effect of causing damage to other residents' property. If you are in an affected area and have received a letter through your door from us, please ensure this does not happen again. Fly tipping is an offence. The next time this happens in cleared areas the Parish Council will prosecute the people doing this.

### Useful Links

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 (South Cambs DC); <http://bit.ly/bh-dogfouling>

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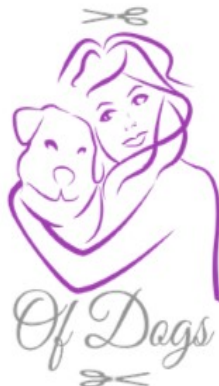
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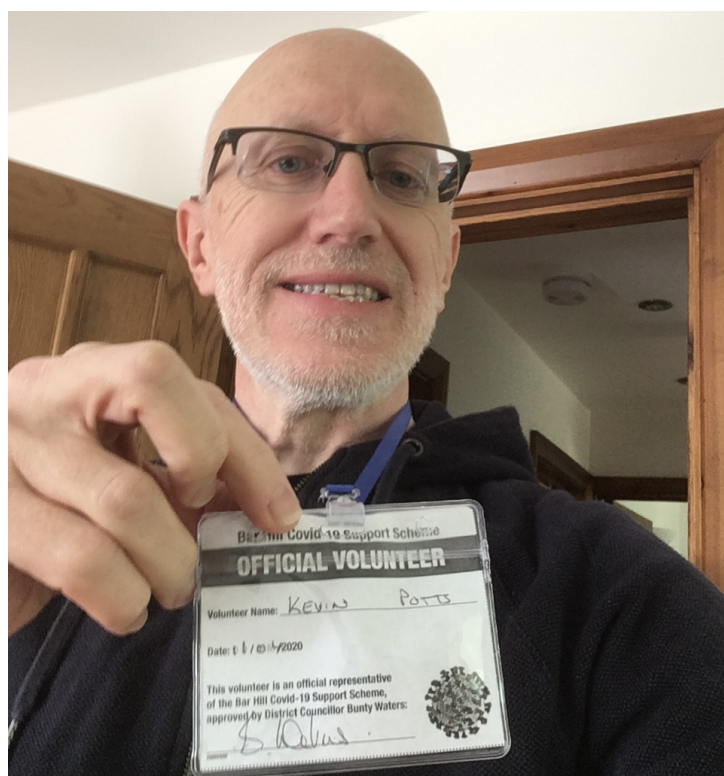
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# BIRTHDAY CORNER

## 1ST - 6TH JUNE

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## 7TH - 13TH JUNE

Happy birthday to Toby who will be 8, Matilda who's turning 3 and India Barker-Hircock. Also celebrating this week are Paul Foster, Wayne Goddard who will be 47, and Jack Breton who is 19 this week.

Finally, a special happy birthday to Lucy Adam, with love from your sister x

## 14TH - 20TH JUNE

Freya Goddard is 17, Ema Ledeikyte is 7, and Josh Davies is 24 this week! Also celebrating this week are Olivia Barker-Hilcock, Tom Hewkin, and Kirsty Ewles as well as Lara Wycherley who will be turning 21 this week!

## 21ST - 30TH JUNE

Happy birthday to Jamie Bladen who is celebrating his 21st and to Elliot Davies who will be celebrating his 22nd birthday this week!

Also celebrating this week are Angela Donnelly, Sophie Egan, Sarah Tucker, Lily Tanner and Tarina Dickinson!

A big happy birthday to our Chairperson Laura Chapman who will be celebrating this month! And finally a special birthday greeting for Saffy Doland who is 92 this month!

Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this month from the Bar Hill News! Remember, if you or a loved one is celebrating a birthday in July, email us at [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com) to be featured in next months' Birthday Corner.

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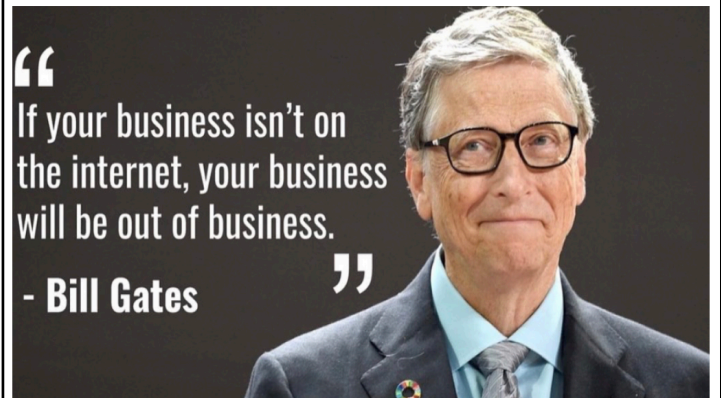
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## June Crossword

Across - 1.woollen hood or a place in Crimea. 6.Ulster activists. 7.the learned in Cambridge. 10.top wedge of arches.

Down - 1.Fortification, one at Earith. 2.produce eggs.3.gather together, a reading in church.4.a hoofed mammal. 5.helps. 8.unrestricted choice. 9.pub.



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Here's the bin collection Timetable for May and the start of June 2021. More information (and more dates) is available from the South Cambs website.

Date	Black	Blue	Green
Jun 4		✓	✓
Jun 10	✓		
Jun 17		✓	✓
Jun 24	✓		
Jul 1		✓	✓
Jul 8	✓		

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In the absence of meeting in person because of the Covid pandemic, we are happy for you to contact us by phone if you need to talk or are finding things tough.

We look forward to meeting again in person when it is safe to do so. In the meantime we would love you see you at our Zoom Meeting coffee and chat event on Saturday 5th June at 10.30 – 11.30 am. Contact either of us for details of entry.

Chris **781978** or Sue **780260**





# Dear John ...

Meet our newest “agony aunt”, here to help you through any and all problems you may be facing – John Houston.

With no years of experience, but plenty of enthusiasm, John is here to listen and respond to whatever you feel you need some un-edited and real advice on. Read on to see how John has advised two of our villagers this month!

**Dear John,**

How do I know if I’m talking to my dog too much? I’m married and over the past year I’ve noticed that I’m having more and more in-depth conversations with my dog rather than with my wife. He’s a boxer crossed with a Labrador, we adopted him into the family about 8 years ago so he’s getting on a bit.

He often sits in my home office while I’m working and I tell him all about what I’m doing and my co-workers (the things he knows)! He shows a lot more interest in my work than the rest of my family do.

Given how much time I’ve spent at home, I feel we’re a lot closer than we have ever been, and I worry he’ll miss me when things start to change.

I have asked at work and they won’t let him come in. What should I do?

**Sincerely,**

**Anonymous Dog Owner**

**Dear Anonymous Dog Owner,**

As my job as a postman, I often hear people having conversations with their dogs whilst I am doing my rounds; and the owners nearly always say to me “I get more sense out of my dog than my partner!”, so you’re not alone!

What I would do [so you feel that you are not abandoning one another], is go out on your own and leave the dog, but tell the dog

where you are going. Eg, you would say “I’m just going to Tesco’s and I won’t be long”. Start with 20 minutes and work your way up to 1 hour, so you both get used to being away from each other. Then when you go back to work – to be with the co-workers he knows all about – you can say to him: “I’m just going to see so and so and I won’t be long”.

The affection you give and receive between you and your dog will be priceless, and you’ll both feel much better after adjusting.

**Yours,**

**John.**

Do you have a problem which John can help with? Email us at [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com).

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## Bar Hill Neighbourhood Watch

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To contact Neighbourhood watch please email [nhwinbarhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nhwinbarhill@yahoo.co.uk)

To keep up to date on the latest developments please join us on facebook: <http://bit.ly/FBBarHillNHW> (or search for “Bar hill NHW”)



# BAR HILL RECYCLING



## WE HAVE MOVED!

We are settled and ready to welcome you back with open arms (at a distance, of course!). Our new address is 20 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill.

PURE  
BRILLIANT  
GREEN

We will be trialling opening Friday mornings from 14th May 9.30-11am. Come and have a browse of the refill products we stock as well as our range of glass and PET plastic bottles, soap bars, shampoo bars, hair masks, biodegradable toilet rolls, bamboo toothbrushes and more!

We are also continuing to arrange times throughout the week with customers to drop their bottles off to be refilled and returned to their doorstep (in Bar Hill) or collected when they are ready.

Keep up to date with our opening times and offers, and contact us via, Facebook and Instagram @PureBrilliantGreen or email [purebrilliantgreen@outlook.com](mailto:purebrilliantgreen@outlook.com)

On 22nd April we marked Earth Day 2021, an annual day to consider our environmental impact and pledge our support to protect the environment. We are always looking for new and creative ways to reduce our impact on our planet. We try and make refilling your household cleaning and personal care products as affordable and easy as possible so more people in our community feel able to join the refill revolution!

We hope to see you soon,  
Collette and Tom Hewkin



## BAR HILL WARD - DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

We are all continuing through another challenging year and for many a sad time and I send my condolences and prayers to all who have lost a loved one. Bar Hill residents have shown such generosity and kindness to others, even those they don't know, the Covid19 Support Scheme continues to be something Bar Hill village can be proud of.

### ELECTIONS

The elections were held on 6th May where we have a new Police & Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston, a new Mayor, Dr Nik Johnson, a new County Councillor, Edna Murphy.

I give my grateful thanks to our outgoing County Councillor, Lynda Harford who, has over the years been able to significant improvement for Bar Hill.

### PLANNING

South Cambs District Council is responsible for the planning of this region,

The building work at the Bar Hill Hallmark Hotel S/0851/16/FL, which you can find if you go on to South Cambs Planning is for Planning permission S/0851/16/FL (Development of 40 residential dwellings across two sites comprising: 6 two storey houses and 27 apartments in 3 and 4 storey blocks 47 car parking spaces and associated landscaping including the retention of part of the bund and provision of a play area on part of the hotel car park and other surplus space (Site 1) and 7 two storey houses served by 14 car parking spaces and associated landscaping on part of hotel staff car park and underutilised part of golf course (Site 2) new pedestrian access off Crafts Way and a children's play area along with associated landscaping on land between Sites 1 and 2)

When development is carried out in a village then Section 106 funding is paid by developers and is used on community infrastructure projects. Funding differs from

area to area and can only be used on capital projects. Recent examples of funding in other areas include: village hall enhancements, new play park equipment and new sports changing facilities

### EWR (EAST WEST RAIL)

The Consultation Summary which has been sent to all households needs the response by 9th June 2021. They want your views, please do send to [consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk). If you need any information contact them on [contact@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk)

### NEW PLANS UNVEILED TO BOOST RECYCLING

On 7 May the Environment Secretary, Rt Hon George Eustice MP, announced the launch of a consultation on household and business recycling in England. Under the proposals, every household in England will receive separate, weekly food waste collections from 2023. Plans also being considered include the introduction of statutory guidance on new minimum service standards for rubbish and recycling collections, and free garden waste collections for every home. Councils would continue to be supported to collect more frequently than the minimum standard and the consultation closes on 4 July. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has also announced that the single-use carrier bag charge will be increased from five pence to ten pence, and extended to all businesses in England, from 21 May. Defra are also consulting on other policy proposals as part of the collections and packaging reforms including introducing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging across the UK and introducing a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS). The consultations close on 4 June

Welcome if you are new to the village, contact me - if I can help in any way or you would like more information



## COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT



I was delighted to be elected as the County Councillor for Bar Hill Division on 6 May 2021 and I am really looking forward to taking up your issues and concerns at County Hall.

First of all I want to say a huge thank you to people who voted for me. But be assured that I will work for all local residents, no matter how you voted.

Also I would like to thank my predecessor, Lynda Harford, for her years of service as Councillor, her commitment to public service and her hard work.

The result of the election in Bar Hill Division was:

- Edna Murphy (Lib Dem) 1550
- Lynda Harford (Conservative) 1345
- Stan Rankin (Green) 494

The overall composition of the County Council also changed significantly moving the council into "No Overall Control". The current number of Councillors for each political party is: 28 Conservative, 20 Lib Dem, 9 Labour, 4 Independents.

In the middle of May the current opposition groups signed an agreement to form a joint administration for the County Council which, if approved at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday (just slightly after the Bar Hill News goes to press!), will mean a change of control and direction for the County Council. I'm supporting this change as I want to bring more transparency, and to increase the councils focus on greener, fairer policies, as well as support for young people.

The first piece of good news I'd like to pass on from the County Council is that local libraries are now starting the process of being re-opened. This is huge and exciting news, libraries have been unable to host in-person events since the first lockdown in March 2020 with popular events like Rhymetime having had to be put on hold.

I'd like to pay tribute to the incredibly hard work of library staff who during lockdown have found new and imaginative ways to deliver services to our users - if you haven't already followed the library service on Facebook I'll urge you to start; <https://www.facebook.com/cambslib>.

In the coming weeks and months as libraries open up more and more it will be important to make sure that, while social distancing remains, we take advantage of what we can. This is especially true considering the recently released study highlighting the impact of lockdowns on language skills amongst children.

If you'd like tickets for library events then they're available online via Eventbrite (<http://bit.ly/cambscc-library-events>). While there is nothing scheduled at the moment for the library in Bar Hill I hope that will change in future.

I look forward to working with all local residents and have put my contact details below. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there are matters I can help with at the County Council.



Cllr Edna Murphy - Bar Hill Division

**[Edna.Murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Edna.Murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)** 01223 577005

Our matches on May 8th were both rained off, and so was the first team's on the 15th, but the seconds managed to play but were defeated away to Sawston & Babraham IV despite three wickets for Tom Page.

You can see our upcoming fixtures at the bottom of the page – as well as our Saturday league matches, we have midweek fixtures as well.



We are in need of a few reinforcements, so anyone who fancies returning to cricket or starting from scratch, give me a shout on the number below or via [info@barhillcricket.org.uk](mailto:info@barhillcricket.org.uk) – we are a friendly club and welcome everyone!

Youth training sessions have been going well and are held every Wednesday from 6pm-7pm on the village green. All ages from 8-15 are welcome. There is a charge of £10 per child for the whole season (extra children from the same family £5 each) and equipment is provided. Sessions are run by qualified and DBS-checked coaches, in compliance with all covid guidance set out by the ECB and the Government.

Keep an eye on our website at [barhillcricket.org.uk](http://barhillcricket.org.uk) or on our Facebook page for the latest information.

June fixtures:

**Saturday 5th:** 1st XI v Cambourne III (A); 2nd XI v Cambourne IV (H)

**Tuesday 8th:** Midweek XI v Steeple Morden (H)

**Saturday 12th:** 1st XI v Madingley II (A); 2nd XI v Elsworth (H)

**Tuesday 15th:** Midweek XI v ELA (H)

**Saturday 19th:** 1st XI v Cambridge St Giles III (A); 2nd XI v Stapleford (H)

Saturday 26th: 1st XI v Cambourne III (H); 2nd XI v Cambourne IV (A)

Tuesday 29th: Midweek XI v Dobblers (H)

Paul Stimpson 201212

## Bar Hill Cricket Club

It's been a cold and wet start to the cricket season, with only two matches played at the time of writing – and that one a 'three-sweater' day as we shivered our way through a match against Comberton.

Comberton started swiftly with the bat but two wickets apiece for Jim Neal and Craig Owen pegged them back to 207 for 8 in their 40 overs. Bar Hill never got going with the bat and were 69 all out in reply.



## CREATIVE COURSES

Improving Mental Health with Creativity

### VISUAL | DIGITAL | PERFORMING ARTS

CCA offers part-time creative courses for adults 19+ across Cambridgeshire, both online and face to face, including informal 8 week and accredited year-long options

**OPEN DAY**  
TUESDAY 13 JULY  
1-4 PM  
ARBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

*"I have developed new techniques and confidence to try things and fallen in love with art again"*

Find out more & sign up to our mailing list

[www.camcommarts.org.uk](http://www.camcommarts.org.uk)



## Signs of Domestic Abuse

Domestic violence, also called domestic abuse, includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse in couple relationships or between family members. There are different kinds of abuse, but it's always about having power and control over you. Domestic violence can happen against anyone, and anybody can be an abuser.

Getting help and support for domestic violence: **You do not have to wait for an emergency situation to find help. If domestic abuse is happening to you, it's important to tell someone and remember you're not alone.**

Find out how to recognise the signs of abuse and where to get help by visiting - <http://bit.ly/NHS-abuse> - women can call The Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge on **0808 2000 247** for free at any time, day or night. The staff will offer confidential, non-judgemental information and support talk to a doctor, health visitor or midwife men can call Men's Advice Line on **0808 8010 327** (Monday and Wednesday, 9am to 8pm, and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to 5pm) for non-judgemental information and support.

## Community Lifeline Service

If you live alone or someone in your family is sometimes left alone and may need to call for assistance, the Council's Lifeline team can help.



In an emergency, pressing a button – worn as a pendant or on your wrist – connects you via a contact centre with family, friends, neighbours, or the emergency services. Giving you peace of mind and reassurance. One Lifeline customer in Willingham said: “The lifeline service lets me live independently knowing I can call someone in an emergency.”

For more information and to apply for a lifeline, please call **01954 713470**, email [lifelines@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:lifelines@scamb.gov.uk) or look online at [www.scamb.gov.uk/lifelines](http://www.scamb.gov.uk/lifelines)



**Swavesey RADSOC returns to live theatre with**

# *Agatha Crusty* **And the Village Hall Murders**

**Tickets £7 / £6**

**A Comedy By Derek Webb**

**Bar Hill Church Centre**

**[www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk)**

**@swaveseyradsoc**

**or phone 07504 552870**

**Thursday July 15 (7.30pm)**

**Saturday July 17 (2.30pm and 7.30pm)  
(no performance on Friday)**

There is a £1 fee per transaction for online bookings. This is an amateur production by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd.



## Scam Warning

Action Fraud has seen a surge in reports relating to fake emails and texts purporting to be from delivery couriers. The messages usually claim “unable to deliver your parcel today” and provide instructions on how the recipient can arrange another delivery. The links in the emails and texts lead to fake websites that are designed to steal money, as well as personal and financial information.

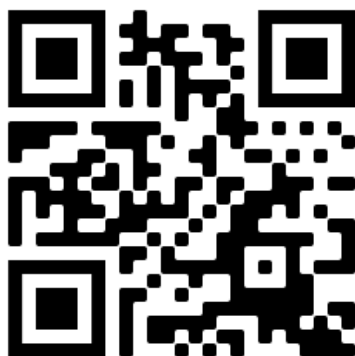
How you can protect yourself:

- If you're unsure whether the email or text is genuine, then don't use the link. Instead, visit the website by entering the official web address directly into your browser's address bar, or search for it and follow the search results.
- Remember, your bank will never ask you to transfer money to another account, or contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN or full password.
- If you have received an email which you're unsure about, you can report it by forwarding it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). You can report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726.

Please be aware of these and many more scams which you will find on the neighbourhood watch facebook site (visit <http://bit.ly/FBBarHillNHW>, search for Bar Hill NHW in Facebook, or use your phone/ tablet to scan the QR code below).

Please join us and help keep the village a safer place to live in.

Bar Hill Neighbourhood Watch



## Living Well

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is rebranding its supportive and rehabilitative eight-week programme to the Living Well service, following consultation with patients, relatives, healthcare colleagues and volunteers.

The service, previously known as Day Therapy, is provided from the Arthur Rank Hospice, in Cambridge and the Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre, in Wisbech. It provides specialist advice, practical and social support to an average of 173 patients per month, who are living with a life-limiting condition.

The programme introduces patients to and engages with the Charity's expert team, who spend time discovering what is important to each person, supporting them to shape and achieve goals that will make a real difference to their everyday life.

Sessions can involve everything from managing breathlessness, anxiety or fatigue to complementary therapy, consideration of advance care planning to seated exercise groups, one-to-one symptom management to spiritual counselling, life celebration and creative activities to psychological support.

Sue Rossitter, Joint Team Lead, Living Well Service (Cambridge), explains the reasons behind the name change: "Living Well" better encapsulates the many services available to our patients, as well as reflecting the support offered to families and carers through our Carer Support Group, introduced last year.

You can discover more Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Living Well service at [arhc.org.uk/livingwell](http://arhc.org.uk/livingwell). Referrals can be made by healthcare professionals, such as a district nurse or GP at [arhc.org.uk/refer](http://arhc.org.uk/refer) or by calling 01223 675800. Please contact the team directly to ascertain information regarding the specific services available at each location.



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

## **Evolving Art - Cambridge Open Studios #COSart2021**

The region's largest art event is back this July.

Cambridge Open Studios has announced the 2021 dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by over 300 artists at a selection of locations in the city and surrounding areas. This year there will be 40 new members taking part in the region.

### **Five Ways to Enjoy**

For many artist members it will be Open Studios as usual with exhibitors opening their doors to the public over the four weekends in July. Some artists have chosen to 'open by appointment' and others have opted to participate with 'open windows' where artworks will be displayed in windows and outside spaces such as gazebos.

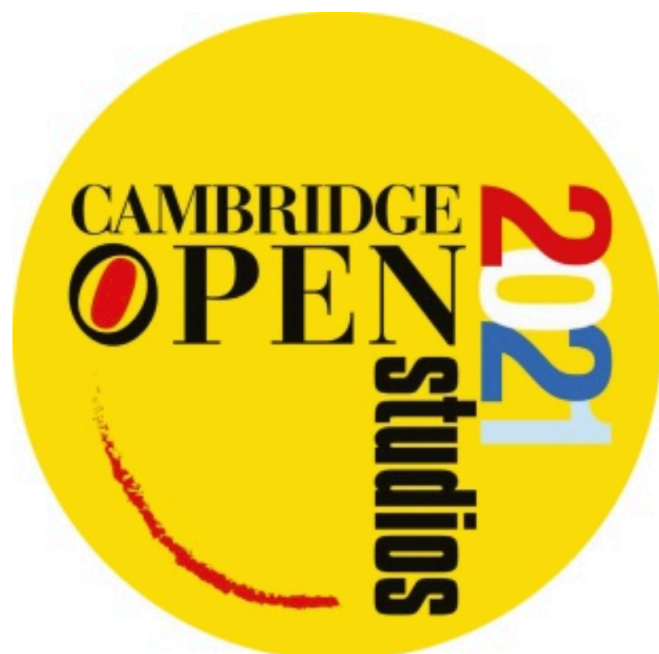
In addition to home studios, Cambridge Open Studios are delighted to be partnering with The Pitt Building located on Trumpington Road in the heart of historic Cambridge. The Pitt Building will be hosting a wide range of artists adhering to COVID guidelines over the course of the four weekends.

Nine art galleries in the regions will also be hosting resident Open Studios artists over the course of the four weekends. Further information can be found online, on the App and in the E-Guide Book.

Full details of how artists will be participating can be found in the artist's E-Guide Book listing and on the App.

### **New E-Guide Book Replaces Printed Guide & Supports App**

For the first time in the history of Cambridge Open Studios there will be no printed guide - for two reasons, the planned move into the digital age, and to reduce the number of



### **Spring into action**

Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with and drink.

How you can help the planet:

- Volunteer for litter picking in your community
- Visit places that educate about the natural world and everything in it
- Conserve water
- Choose sustainable
- Shop wisely
- Use long-lasting light bulbs
- Plant a tree

Find out more about connecting to nature:

Everyone needs nature by National Trust Connection to Nature by RSPB <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/everyone-needs-nature>





guides to save the planet has been accelerated by the pandemic and fear of possible transmission through contact.

Over the last few years, the App has become extremely popular and is expected to see record numbers of download this year. Incredibly easy to use allowing the user to search by medium, location, weekend and artist name, it's the quickest and easiest way to find participating artists so don't leave home without it!

Both the E-Guide Book and App will be available to download from the website from late May onwards so avid art lovers can start planning their studio routes in good time.

Visit <https://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/> to download the E-Guide Book and 2021 App.

## What and Where?

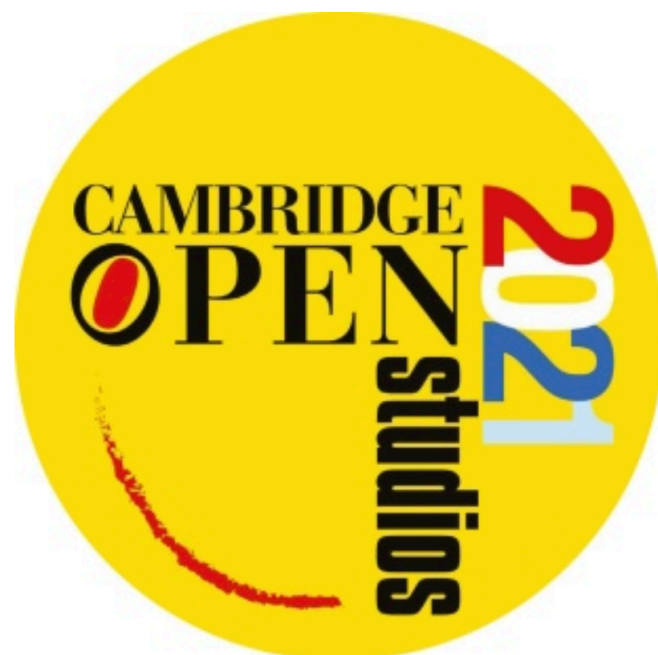
For many artists 2020 was a year for creating and surviving the pandemic. This year is set to be an explosion of colour and fine array of work with specialisms including fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, and more besides.

The studios are spread throughout the whole region including many villages around Royston, Saffron Walden, St Ives and Chatteris as well as Ely and central Cambridge. The distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

The weekends are: July 3/4, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25. Studios are open to visit between 11am and 6pm except those opting to take visitors via appointment.

Visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome with absolutely no pressure whatsoever to buy. All Cambridge Open Studios including The Pitt Building and

participating are galleries are completely free to visitors for all ages.



## Find Out More

By visiting the website you'll be able to see a full list of members along with their social handles, latest news and links to download the new E-E-Guide Book and 2021 App.

Follow on Twitter @CamOpenStudios  
Instagram @CamOpenStudios Facebook  
@CambridgeOpenStudios and look for  
#COSart2021







The National Trading Standards Scams Team have launched a new video to help people to become scam aware in just eight minutes.

The new video is designed to explain what a scam is and the scale of the problem; different types of scams to look out for; consequences of being a victim and the signs someone might be one; top tips to defend against scams and what you can do to raise scams awareness.

So now there are three options for people to become Friends Against Scams, gaining the knowledge and skills to take a stand against scams:

- Attend a Friends Against Scams training session delivered by a local SCAMchampion (please email [against-scams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:against-scams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) to enquire)
- Complete the interactive e-learning (approximately 20 minutes); <https://bit.ly/3w8NMZp>.
- Watch the new eight minute Friends Against Scams video; <https://bit.ly/3by8Q3w>



Please encourage as many people as you can to become a Friend Against Scams in whichever way suits them best. Greater awareness of scams really does mean greater protection from the harm that they cause.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH  
AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP**

**Latest News**

## Memorial Garden Appeal

Many people have used the Memorial Garden over the last ten years and have appreciated this quiet area in Bar Hill where you can relax and reflect.

Unfortunately some of you may have noticed that the round seat is in a state of disrepair and requires replacing. This we want to do urgently. However, the round seats are expensive and therefore we are seeking to raise some £500 towards the cost. We have very limited financial resources but have approximately £300 we can contribute towards the cost over and above the £500.



Any contribution, however, small will be much appreciated.

Cheques may be paid directly into the Cambridge Building Society Account No. 1768402740 Account Name "Bar Hill Memorial Garden Account" or donations may be put through the letter box at 7 Acorn Avenue, CB23 8DT.

Further information can be obtained from Chris Stannard - Project Leader

01954 781978 or 07711 623425



On the Path to Lolworth

There is joy  
In repetition  
And this path is  
No exception  
With the A14  
on your right  
And infinity  
On your left  
Though it's never  
Exactly the same  
You come out  
of the trees  
and suddenly,  
it's there  
The field  
In all its glory  
And sometimes  
I laugh  
at the noise  
and the wind  
and the joy  
coming together  
It was icy today  
No rabbits  
Not that they  
Get in the way  
There's glistening mud  
Uncertainly clingy  
while the field  
Carries shoots  
Then you come  
to the bridge  
and it's strange  
that in this whole field  
of which just about  
every inch is  
man-made  
it's the builtness  
of the bridge  
the obvious hand  
that impresses  
it's so simple  
but so grand  
The wind and  
the field  
in its isolation  
and loneliness  
has to listen  
to the A14  
all day and here  
I'll turn back  
and look at  
the copse  
and feel all  
unnecessary  
At the second copse  
is a road  
and 'neath the  
crickle-crackle ice  
you can see  
the green shoots move  
Then you come to  
Lolworth's edge  
trees and  
a concrete road  
and blow me down  
It's another village!

Feels.  
A good walk  
Is how  
That to me  
wife's lovely meals  
One of my  
of food  
and smell  
to the warmth  
and home  
I have to go  
just say  
I'll not stop  
Hello  
stops to say  
And if someone  
It's all uphill  
And after that  
I won't be late  
I think maybe  
when I near Bar Hill  
for lunch and  
I'll be late  
and worrying that  
And coming back

By John Crick and  
Peter Stockton

**BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CONSULTATION ON HOW TO SPEND £18,223, REFUND FROM THE**  
**A14 UPGRADE**

**Where does this money come from?**

This refund is payment for small areas of land taken when the A14 was upgraded.

The money has now come back into the Parish Council and the Council is consulting you as to how to spend it on your behalf to benefit the village.

**What could we buy with this amount of money?**

The Council is aware that there are strong views in the community on facilities and amenities that you would like to see in Bar Hill. Major projects such as a new skatepark (estimated cost £100,000) and joining up the pathway around the perimeter road (potentially £500,000) are major initiatives that would need long term planning, substantial grants and collaboration with Cambridgeshire County Council to bring to fruition. Smaller scale projects like providing new benches, pathways or play equipment on Parish Council land can be carried out more quickly.

We have left the consultation open so that we can take all your views into account and look forward to hearing what you have to say. If you have an idea of costings for a potential project, please do also add those as well.

**How do I take part?**

Please fill in your name, address and project suggestion on the form below and return it to the Parish Council office by noon on **Wednesday 30 June 2021**. You can also email the same information to **office@barhillpc.org.uk**

**How will the responses be counted and how will I find out about the results?**

- Your name and address will be checked against the electoral roll to ensure you are a resident of Bar Hill and to check the number of consultations for each address.
- The council will then collate your views, put into categories, and count all responses.
- The results will be published in the August edition of the Bar Hill News and on the Parish Council website.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas.

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**Name :**

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**Address :**

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**Contact details (phone/email) :**

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**Project suggestion :**

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